

Inheritance

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Summary: Fiore is chaotic. Dragons and Demons are feasting out of people, and survivors are only a few. In order to change things and try to save her world, and her family, Nashi Dragneel goes back 20 years in the past, right after Avatar, to try and prevent hell from breaking loose. However, she ends up in the middle of her parent's mess. PrÃ©-Alvarez, post-Avatar. NaLu, Miraxus, GaLe. OC/OC

1. Prologue

A/N: Rated T for some suggestive content (in this chapter mainly, and a few others thorough the story, but not many), but nothing explicit.

A/N2: This story takes place right after avatar ended. For this, consider that there was a week or so between Avatar and Alvarez. Also, spoiler alert for Alvarez arc!

A/N3: Please, if you like it, leave a comment . It's quick and helps me knowing I'm not posting for no reason.

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><p>"Mama, are we going back to Fairy Tail?"<p>

"Yeah, we are, sweetie. Things are getting too dangerous to the three of us." Bisca answered while she and Alzack hurriedly walked through the forest, making their way back to the guild. "If we don'tâ€¦" She froze when she heard footsteps and she and Alzack both prepared their guns.

"I can hear you, you know, hitting me would never work." Cobra's voice surprised them, and they relaxed when the Poison Dragon Slayer appeared. "I can hear everything." He said, narrowing his eyes and looking at a specific point away from them. "Including you, girl."

A giggling voice was followed by the appearance of a pinkish haired girl, dressed in a black leather corset and black flowy skirt, along with black knee-length boots. She carried a bow and one single arrow on her back, and around her waist, attached to her belt, there was a keyring with two blue keys - one broken.

"Impressive, to be able to hear through my soundless." She commented, praising him. "Though maybe you could smell me, too, right? I didn't use stardust to hide my scent." She looked troubled.

Bisca and Alzack held tighter to Asuka.

"Protecting your child?" The girl noticed, and Bisca tensed. "That's cute, but don't worry, I wouldn't hurt Asuka-chan." She guaranteed, and both Fairy Tail mages looked surprised.

"How do you know my name?" Asuka asked curiously.

The girl blinked, seemingly at ease.

"I've met a bunch of your guildmates already." She explained. "I guess our paths just didn't cross, and with the entire Alvarez war going on, they might have forgotten to mention me." She shrugged. "Sorry, Cobra, can't have you hearing my heart or thoughts." She looked at his troubled expression, knowing that was what he was trying to do.

"She's not thinking at all." He muttered, tense, poison slowly surrounding his hands. "Nor feeling. Who are you?"

"I'm the girl who's going to kill Acnologia." She said, as he attacked her.

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><p>Five Days Earlier</p>

"Lucy, are we close?"

"Jeez, Natsu, we're not any closer than we were when you asked me that question a minute ago." Lucy sighed, walking through the forest and trying not to look too tired: A year training had increased her power, but it had been a long time since she'd walked so much. They were on an island five hours away from Hargeon, and the entire place was full of climbing areas - you couldn't go far without being up for a hike. They were supposed to reach the Souless Tomb, a sacred place for the extinct villagers of that island. They had mostly died of a plague or eaten by some crazy beasts that started developing on the area.

Meaning that was the last place on Earthland Lucy would like to go to.

They had just returned from the fight with Avatar, and the guild was getting back together, rebuilding and re-taking jobs. Among the newly

received jobs, there was one requesting specifically for all of Fairy Tail's dragon slayers.

Lucy and Gray promptly warned them about it being an obvious trap, but Natsu and Gajeel were both too excited to care, about doing jobs again, and about being requested. With that, they also urged Wendy to go, despite the girl's reluctance " she also knew it was a trap " and they even managed to find Laxus somehow.

Which lead to Mira suggesting Lucy and Levy went along for safety: the two were smarter and harder to fool. Erza found it to be a good idea and sent them to do it quickly, claiming that the reward was good (2 million jewels) and Fairy Tail needed the money " meaning Lucy and the others would get nothing for themselves.

She'd still need to pay her rent.

"I can see it!" Happy shouted from the air, and Pyxis jumped in agreement, showing that they were close. "It's huge!"

"Happy, get down!" Lucy called. "If it's a trap, then"

She never even finished her sentence: suddenly, from all sides, lianas started coming at them, wrapping around their bodies. Even Happy, high in the air, was caught by one and brought down heavily.

"The heck?" Gajeel complained, trying to free himself. "Crap! I can't use magic!" He complained, and Wendy, Natsu and even Laxus were struggling against it, too.

They heard a female laughter and a blonde, tall, curvy woman wearing a white latex jumpsuit appeared. She held a whip in her hand and handcuffs hung around her neck. She looked amused at the group.

"Oh my, what a great catch." She said, licking her lips, and Lucy had a feeling this would end badly. She approached Gajeel, the closest one to her, and snapped her fingers.

Lianas came from all sides and tied themselves to Gajeel's wrists and feet, pulling and making him stand in the air in a star-like position. He grunted, struggling against the restraints, and tensed when the woman traced her nails from his wrist to his biceps, scratching him.

"W-Who are you?" Levy asked, and Lucy could see she was displeased with that sight.

The woman looked dismissively at her.

"Livy, enough with your kinky stuff now." A tall, also blond male appeared from the top of a tree. "You can play with them inside, but get moving." He added, and the woman whined, but agreed. She clapped both hands and all the lianas moved, taking the mages up the tomb stairs and inside it, through miles of hallways, until they reached an underground prison.

They were all thrown inside a large cell and locked within it.

"I'll go grab some lunch and fetch some toys." The woman said from

the other side of the bars. "Then I can play withâ€¦" Her eyes wandered from a nauseated Gajeel (and not from the transportation) to Wendy, who she didn't look too long, to the young one's relief, then Lucy, Natsu and Laxus. Her smile widened. "All of you." She giggled. "God, I'll need many many toys." She left them there while chanting.

Lucy waited, but she didn't return.

"Are you ok, Gajeel-san?" Wendy asked timidly. Gajeel tried to break the bars or eat them, but to no end.

"We need to get the hell out of here." He spoke fast, and Natsu started laughing out loud. "Oi! Salamander! What's so funny?" He demanded, looking enraged at a hysterical Natsu.

"You're so screwed, man!" Natsu spoke, laughing even more.

"Natsu, grow up, will you?" Laxus spoke, his arms crossed. He seemed unhappy to be there too, and though he'd never admit it, Lucy knew he hated the idea of what the woman was planning for them.

"We can't use magic in here either, though." Charle complained, touching the bars. "How do we escape?"

"Natsu, look!" Happy called from a dark corner of the cell. "There are two girls here." As he spoke, the group approached him and saw, indeed, two girls blacked out. One had long pink hair, and was dressed in a school uniform, and the other had white long straight and was dressed in a white shirt and black skirt, with black thigh-high stockings and black school girl shoes. She had a tiara with a silver cross in her hair.

"Two girls?" Lucy looked at the blacked out girls, kneeling before them to check their pulses, but they seemed ok. "What are they doing?" She looked up and saw a woman with long black hair and white dress walking and approaching the cage.

"Oi! Who are you? Why did you lock us up, jackass?" Natsu asked.

"These things have sealing stones in them." Lucy analyzed the bars. "We can't get out."

"Damn it!" Laxus hit the wall, startling Wendy, who was standing next to him. "Sorry, brat."

"Laxus, can't you do anything?" Natsu asked, annoyed, and the lightning mage looked incredulous at him.

"Why would I be able to do it?"

"Well, you don't use normal magic, so do something!" Natsu complained.

"You don't use normal magic either." Laxus pointed out.

"What would _normal magic _be?" Wendy asked Lucy, who shrugged, not knowing as well.

"Gajeel, can't you eat the bars?" Lily asked and Gajeel shook his head, still annoyed.

One of the girls moved, grunning, and they all turned to see her. Happy was poking her and Lucy sent him away.

She moved, and slowly opened her eyes, confused at first.

Then she tensed and sat up in a flash, hitting her forehead to Natsu's, who had approached her to check on her.

"Ouch!" They both complained. "The hell are you doing?!" Natsu complained, rubbing his forehead.

"I thought I was being attacked by the way you were shaking me, moron!" She spoke back, and Lucy raised an eyebrow. She looked around, taking in the place. "Damn, those guys got me good. I wasn't expecting a goddamn moving platform." She muttered, then her eyes fell on her own body.

"What's your name?" Levy asked gently, and stopped when the girl slapped Natsu in the face, hard. The dragon slayer jumped back, startled and complaining again.

"_WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING_?" Natsu screamed, now even angrier, while Gajeel started laughing.

"The heck happened to my clothes, perverted creep?" She shouted back, standing up.

"How should I know? I don't know what you're talking about!" Natsu spoke back.

"I was wearing a black skirt and a leather tank top!" Her eyes widened. "Where's my belt and my keys?" She demanded.

"Keys?" Lucy repeated, stepping forward, between the girl and Natsu. "We're prisoners here, too, Natsu didn't touch you." The blonde added in a calm voice.

She looked angrily at the bars. "You're screwed when I get out of here!" She shouted, and the white dressed woman simply looked away. "I'll kill you first. Let me out and I can spare you." She suggested.

"How do you plan on killing them from this cage?" Laxus asked, looking interested at the girl. She was fierce, that was obvious.

"By getting out of here." Only then she seemed to realize who her cellmates were.

The girl's eyes widened and she tensed.

"_Fairy Tail_?"

"Y-Yeah!" Lucy spoke.

"You know who we are?" Laxus asked, stepping forward.

"Well, we were famous right?" Happy shrugged, thinking it was normal.

"Yeah, congratulations." The girl didn't seem pleased to be there with them. "Sure you don't want to make a deal, creepy girl?" She looked at the black haired woman, who just stared. "Fine. Your funeral." She shrugged, kneeling down next to the other girl and poking her. She kicked her in her side, startling the others.

"What are youâ€|" Gajeel started, when the white haired girl, Maine, opened her eyes.

"Nashi, what the hell? Can't I even sleep right now?" She complained.

"You can, once we get out of here. They used magic sealing stones, so I had to wake you up." The pink haired girl, Nashi, spoke simply. "By the way, we're not alone. These are mages from Fairy Tail." She motioned at the group, clearly disgusted, and Maine didn't seem to enjoy it either as she took them in. "Get us out of here and we'll go home so you can sleep, will you?" She asked.

"How are you getting past the cage?" Laxus asked again, bored.

Maine sighed, standing up and adjusting her skirt.

"Seriously, what would you do without me?" She asked, looking side eyed at Nashi, who waited. "They took my Scythe." She complained.

"Do you need it?" Nashi asked, raising an eyebrow. Maine smiled.

"Of course not, but it looks prettier with it." She said, touching the bars. "***Fujo kasai***" She spoke, and before any mages could ask what she was trying to do, to everyone's surprise, including the white dressed woman from outside, all the bars locking them in exploded and melted away.

2. Chapter 1: Information

A/n: Hi! Second chapter up: this one's as slow as the other in terms of action, and it's kind of rushy with the story, but it's just getting the pieces in place. No T scenes this time, and I hope you enjoy it! Please, if you do, or even if you don't, leave a comment so I know what to improve on. :)

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><p>Livy arrived running as she heard the explosion, and looked startled at the opened cage, while the mages moved out of it.<p>

"Alright!" The pink haired girl celebrated, and her eyes fell on the women both the white dressed one and Livy. "I know you, you're the perverted woman who locked us up." She spoke, seeing Livy, moving slowly. "I should assume you're the one behind my crazy outfit?" She inquired.

"You little bitches!" The woman cursed, raising her hand and making a

group of roots from some plants she was carrying go at the mages. Natsu burned them all easily. "Marcus!" She shouted.

"Where's my bow, my clothes, my keys and her Scythe?" She asked, moving so fast it was almost impossible to follow her. She appeared in the black haired woman's back, and with a hit, sent her against the cage's wall. Natsu, Lucy and Wendy jumped, while Laxus was looking interested at a satisfied Maine.

"Like hell I'm telling..." Livy started, when the girl hit her so hard that she flew through the prison hallway, crashing against the farther wall. Wendy, who was almost hit by the flying woman, jumped in time, surprised. She hit both women in less than two seconds.

"I guess we'll just have to find it." She said, motioning for her white haired friend to follow her.

Maine stopped halfway and turned to look at the Fairy Tail mages.

"We'll meet you outside." She said. "That is, if you are strong enough to handle the guys here." She teased, giggling, and following her friend. "Nashi, wait up!"

"What did she say?" Natsu asked angered, his body getting on fire.

"That bratâ€¦!" Laxus was also ignited.

"Guys, she's a teenager." Lucy murmured, exasperated.

"Come on, let's go, we can meet them outside." Charle urged them.

They heard exploding sounds and people screaming from the direction the two girls had ran to, and Natsu moved towards that direction, but Laxus held him back.

"Laxus!" Natsu complained.

"Let's wait for them outside." Laxus spoke. "They seem to know what's going on, and I for one want to know how that girl could use magic inside a magic sealed prison. We might lose them if we go there."

Natsu stopped, understanding, and nodded. He and Wendy guided them out of the tombs, into a forest, and they stopped in the glade before the tomb entrance.

Gajeel and Levy dedided to go ahead and get them a place to stay in town - and everyone pretended to believe that, instead of saying that they knew the two just wanted to stay as far away from Livy as possible.

It didn't take long before Maine and Nashi arrived unscathed and unmoved. Nashi now had a bow on her back, and Maine had a black cape around her body, and a Scythe in her hands.

"They look kinda scary for teenagers." Lucy murmured, and Wendy nodded, agreeing.

"Look at that, they survived." Maine spoke, smiling cheerfully.

"Yeah, they also ran out here so fast that nobody could attack them." Nashi pointed out, jumping down from the tomb entrance. "Nice meeting you, Fairy Tail, now go home, we can handle things here." She said, her eyes on Natsu, who looked displeased at her.

"Like hell we're going home. We have a job to complete." He said.

"Give it to us and we'll do it." Nashi said, grabbing her blue key. "**Open, gate of the Celestial Pet, Bellstar**." She called, and a silvery exceed with golden wings appeared in front of them.

"What... An Stellar Spirit and Exceed?" Happy asked, looking at the newcomer.

"Bell's special." Nashi said. "Look, I can send the rewards through her and she can give them to one of your spirits, ok?" She looked at Lucy. "Bellstar can fly freely on both worlds." She added.

Before they could answer, Maine, who had until then watched everything from the top of the tomb staircase, suddenly jumped towards Wendy with her Scythe at hand, and the Fairy Tail group looked alarmed, only to see the girl splitting a dark monster-looking creature in half just as it was about to get Wendy.

"Whatâ€¦!" Charle spoke, startled. "I didn't see that thing arriving."

"I didn't sense it either." Wendy murmured, looking shocked as the creature turned to dust.

Maine knelt and analyzed the dust.

"Black powder." She murmured, looking at Nashi. "They're already starting to mass produce them." She said, tense.

"What was that?!" Natsu asked in his noisy manner, and Maine hesitated.

"Nash, we should tell them." She said, looking again at her friend. "They could help."

"Ivy said we can't, and they're weak, they can't help." Nashi was final.

Maine hesitated, but agreed. She looked apologetically at the group, her eyes taking a little longer on Laxus.

"Well, nice meeting you all." She said, with her smile back. "This area is kinda dangerous, so be careful. See ya."

She walked away, and Nashi flew with Bell, and in a second, the girls disappeared.

"Oi!" Natsu complained, sniffing the air. "Whatâ€¦!" He looked confused. "I can't catch a scent." He murmured, now focusing. "Wendy,

can you?" He looked at the girl, who shook her head negatively.

"If you can't, I don't think I'd be able to, Natsu-san." She said timidly and Natsu nodded, looking around.

"Let's just go to the village then, shall we?" Lucy asked, feeling weird. "Gajeel and Levy should be there already." She added. Gajeel and Levy had gone ahead to get them a place to stay - truthfully, Lucy knew they just wanted to get away from Livy's reach as soon as possible.

After some time, Natsu resigned and they moved to the village, where, indeed, Levy and Gajeel had already set place in the local inn. After each of them settled in - Wendy, Charle, Lily and Levy would share a room, Laxus and Gajeel another, and Lucy, Happy and Natsu the third one - they decided to try to find out about the tomb.

They walked to a big plaza, where Lucy called a woman for information.

"Do you know who Mr. Reyes is, miss?" Lucy asked, thinking that looking under the client's name could help them getting clues.

"Mr. Reyes?" The woman frowned. "There is no Mr. Reyes in this village." She said.

"What?" Levy looked puzzled. "But we received a job request telling us to come here and look for Mr. Reyes." She said, looking at the job paper, following Lucy's lead.

"That?" Are you guild mages?" The woman asked, surprised, and Levy nodded. "I see. I think you might be talking about old man Reves. He lives down the lake, south of here. It's a fifteen minutes' walk at most." She said and the group thanked her, walking towards the direction she pointed.

"You know, it might be better if Lu-chan and I stay here." Levy said, when they reached the city limits. "They did ask for dragon slayers only, so you guys might have a better luck investigating." She added, and Lucy agreed, knowing her friend probably just needed to talk.

"Heh, and who's keeping you two safe?" Gajeel asked in his arrogant posture.

"We can take care of ourselves." Levy said promptly.

"Just go already." Lucy urged them, stepping back to the inn with Levy. "Wendy, keep them in line, ok?"

"Right!" Wendy giggled, hurrying to catch up with them. Natsu waited for her and they went down the lake road.

Indeed, there was a wooden house beyond a lake that was located within the woods. Wendy noticed just then that the trees were different from the ones in the Tomb area. It was rare to find two different biomes in such a close area.

Natsu was about to knock on the door when the ground suddenly moved, and the grass disappeared, giving place to a moving platform.

Wendy tensed, remembering what Nashi had said about being caught by transportation, and, indeed, she started feeling sick the second the platform moved, realizing that they were above the lake water. Natsu, Gajeel and Laxus also bent down, being just as sick.

"Wendy! Laxus! Natsu! Gajeel!" Happy called, worried. The exceeds grabbed onto their friends, lifting them up, but a black panther-like figure took the three down.

"Happy!" Natsu tried to call as the blue cat fell into the water.

"Oh my, how pathetic." A male voice reached their ears and Natsu looked up to see an old man with his hands glowing. "Dragon slayers never cease to amuse me. It's so easy to catch you." He said, amused.

"Who are you?" Wendy asked, struggling to stand up. If she could only cast Troia

"Someone who needs you guys dead so my plan can work." He said, and raised a hand. "Come forth, my friends." He spoke, and a group of black figures appeared. They had shapes of random animals, like panthers, crocodiles and tigers, and were all moving towards the platform. Wendy retreated, holding Charle in her arms.

"Damn it!" Laxus muttered, trying to use his magic. "Jump into the water." He told the others, but as he said it, the crocodile-shaped ones entered the water and surrounded the platform: they couldn't jump.

A female voice followed by a sudden flame shower had them all surprised, and Wendy saw Maine falling from nowhere onto the platform and hitting her sword in the water.

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><p>AN: As I said, this chapter is still quite slow. Sorry for jumping the fighting, but I'd rather set some things in place before getting them to truly fight. Next chapter might be a little less hurriedly though. Thank you for reading!**

3. Chapter 2: Curses

a/n.: Sorry for the long time between the updates, this week has been a crazy one. But here's the third chapter. Please, if you've got the time to spare, let me know what you think so far :)

Thanks for reading, again!

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><p>"**Ken no dai roku keishiki: Ikari (Sword's sixth form: Ira**.)" Her voice reached their ears. "***Reijingu yami**.
(Raging darkness)" As she hit her sword in the water,

a blackened fire-like substance spread throughout the lake, burning away every last dark creature. She pushed the dragon slayers into the

lake before jumping and launching at the other black creatures, stabbing one after the other. By the time Natsu and the others had returned to dry land, there was no more dark creatures left, and the old man looked enraged at the white haired girl.

"Incredible, Maine-san!" Wendy spoke, impressed. "You saved us."

"It's no big deal." Maine smiled, before looking at the old man. "Hey, old guy, why don't we make a deal so you can leave here alive?" She suggested, fierce, the regular playful smile in her face.

The man growled, his eyes acquiring a purple-ish color.

"Deal, you say?" He asked, and suddenly his magic power seemed to increase. "A little girl thinks she canâ€¦"

Before he could finish, a powerful thunder bolt hit him from the sky, blacking him out. Everyone turned to see an annoyed Laxus with his fist closed, being clear that he was the one behind it. Maine raised an eyebrow.

"See, I was hoping to make a deal with him, haven't you listened?" She asked Laxus in a bored voice. "Jeez, Nashi won't like this at all." She complained, rubbing her tempers.

"Who exactly are you?" Lily asked, eyeing her curiously.

"Who cares? The one who just saved your sorry asses." She said with the same arrogant smile playing in her lips. "Where are Lucy and Levy?" She added, worried.

"How do you know her name?" Laxus inquired, approaching the girl. "I don't like this mysterious thing you have going. Start talking, brat, before we make you."

She looked at him unimpressed, while turning her sword, that changed into the Scythe she was carrying out of the tomb, and locking it into her back. With the black cape and the cross shaped tiara, she looked like an exorcist.

"Make me, you say?" She asked, looking him into the eyes. "I'd like to see you try, _old guy_." She defied, her smile returning. "I've saved you twice now, haven't I?" She added, looking innocently at an even more annoyed Laxus.

"What did youâ€¦"

She sighed.

"See, weak people should just behave and stand down when they're talking to superiors." She spoke, turning her back on him and seeing Natsu and Gajeel laugh at Laxus, who was getting ever more enraged. "You're staying at the town? I'll walk you there just in case. Who knows what dangerous things might appear, right?" It was clear that she was teasing him.

Laxus's lightning was all around his skin now.

"Laxus-san, please don't attack her." Wendy asked nervously. "She did

just save us." She added, and the second generation dragon slayer hesitated.

"Are you guys coming or not? Is old age making you slow already?" She turned to them, and Laxus hit the closest tree, knocking it down. Wendy jumped, surprised, before hurrying to follow the girl. Natsu and Gajeel followed too, enjoying Laxus' misery too much to bother with the girl's provocations. The lightning dragon slayer was the last, and he sulked all the way back to the inn.

Once there, they were greeted by Lucy and Levy, who looked questioningly at the young girl with them. Lucy frowned.

"Aren't you the girl from the tomb?" She asked, looking between the girl and the group, noticing then Laxus' anger and stepping back. "Erâ€¦ What happened?" She asked, afraid.

"It was a trap, apparently." Charle told Lucy. "The guy had a moving platform thingy and an army of those black creatures with him, and this girl saved everyone." She pointed at Maine, who was looking around focused.

"Why don't we talk inside? I'd rather not be too noticed." She suggested, and after a moment's hesitation, Lucy agreed, moving to let them all in. They settled in Natsu and Lucy's room, with Natsu himself throwing his body at the bed, and Lucy sitting at the end of it. Once everyone had made themselves comfortable, but Laxus, who stood in a corner, and Maine, who also stood next to a small table, they all looked at her.

"Soâ€¦ Who are you?" Charle asked.

"Charle!" Wendy scolded.

"How can a young girl be so powerful?" Lucy inquired, interested. "And why did you save them?"

"How could you use magic in the tomb?" Was Natsu's question.

"What were those things?" Laxus gave in. "Not even Natsu could sense them approaching, yet you managed to hit one just as it appeared behind Wendy, and your magic seems perfect to fight them. Why is that?"

"So many questions." Maine sighed, crossing her arms. "First of all, let's make things clear. I'm breaking dozens of rules just by being here with you, and by saving you earlier. Also, I wasn't supposed to give you any answers, so if I refuse to answer something, don't insist, deal?" She looked around, and Lucy was the first to agree. "Nashi's definitely going to kill me." She muttered, moody. "Well, let's seeâ€¦ I'm Maine, no last name, and you don't need to know where I'm from." She started. "I'm not strong, not really." She added, looking at Lucy. "I mean, I know how to fight and I've got enough magic power to give people trouble, but there are many much more powerful than me. Nashi's one." She shrugged. "We were forced to learn how to survive, hence gaining more power and strength than people our age usually would."

"How to survive? Why?" Levy asked, interested.

"Where we come from, things are hard." She answered, her words tense. "Most of our friends died, both our families did too, and enemies still kept coming." She said, ending it there, and it was clear she wasn't going to elaborate on it. "So we came here, hoping to solve our issues in a different way. I saved you guys because I know you're powerful, and I also know you're not evil." She added. "I've lost too many people, if I can help avoiding others to go through what I went through, then I will."

Lucy and the others looked saddened at the girl, surprised by the heavy story.

"As for the creatures and the tombâ€¦" She looked at Natsu and Laxus. "Those creatures are demons." She answered Laxus first. "They're the ones who turned my island into a cemeteryâ€¦ Summoners started appearing, and each of them could summon a huge wave of those demons. Each Summoner is usually paired with a Enhancer and a Rider. Enhancers increase the demon's powers, and Riders command them, though they'll just act berserk if not commanded, so they're deadly anyway." She explained. "I am a Demon Huntress (Shuryo no Megami), hence specialized in finding and killing their kind. That's how I knew that one would appear behind Wendy, and that's why I'm so good at killing them." She took out her Scythe. "This is Purgatory, a weapon forged out with demonic blood, neutral stones and a bunch of other rare materials. I can kill demons without it, but this makes it easier. A touch of its tip on the demon and it turns to dust. It also increases my abilities."

"Incredibleâ€¦" Levy spoke, looking enchanted at the weapon as Maine saved it back in her back.

"And I didn't use magic in the tomb." She looked at Natsu, who was now confused. "It had magic sealing stones and neutral particles, it wasn't possible to use magic or dragon slayer magic in there. I don't use magic at all." She smiled, shrugging. "I mean, I could, but I don't like to. What I use are _Curses."_

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><p>A.N.: that's it for this one! I hope you liked it :)<p>

4. Chapter 3: Cosmos

**a/n: Hello there! So, apologies in advance for the long chapter with too much information. I tried to put the information during different chapters, but it made it harder to go on with the story. Also, keep in mind that Nashi's bound to her "do not change the past" rules as she speaks, so who knows the accuracy of her words, right? **

**Also, thanks a lot for the reviews! Next chapter coming in soon with a little fighting. **

Enjoy! xoxo

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><p>"Curses?" Lucy repeated, surprised, being the only one, apart from Wendy, who didn't tense at the girl's words.<p>

"Like Zeref's demons?" Charle added, unfriendly.

"Better than those." Maine smiled. "Zeref's demons were restricted by their own books. I'm not a demon, I'm a person. I learned how to use curses and perfected them to fit my skills. It's quite useful, since nobody ever expects that." She shrugged. "Why are you all looking at me like that?" She added, noticing their looks. "I'm not a demon."

"Yeah, we had bad experiences with Cursed people." Lily explained.

"Tartaros, right?" She crossed her arms. "I'm not like them. I wouldn't have saved you if I were, and trust me, Nashi wanted me not to interfere."

"Who is this Nashi girl? Sounds like she's terribly cold hearted." Charle complained, and Maine hesitated, before smiling.

"She's not, not at all." She said, looking through the window. "Nashi's not cold hearted, she's justâ€¦"

"Just what?" They all jumped as Nashi appeared on the other side of the window, carried by Bell. "You really don't know how to follow the rules, do you?" She asked, annoyed.

"They were in danger, I just gave them a hand, I'm done here anyways." Maine answered promptly, opening the window. "Leave this town, we'll handle the demons." She told the group.

"Actually, we won't." Nashi said, surprising Maine, and she entered the room through the window.

"Oi! Who invited you?" Natsu asked, angry, and Lucy looked incredulous at him, since he was the master in entering people's rooms uninvited.

"Who cares?" She looked at him uninterested. "Maine lied." She added, and her friend looked annoyed at her.

"Don't portray me as a liar like that, they'll believe you." Maine complained, but seemingly in a good mood.

"Well, she hid part of the truth, on my orders." Nashi changed her words. "We didn't come from a crazy village." She added, and they all looked puzzled. "We came from the future."

"_What_?" Lucy and Natsu both jumped. "No way!"

"I can't tell you anything about it, it's too risky." She looked at Natsu then. "I'm sure you understand, seeing that you kept what Future Rogue told you a secret for so long, and went carefully about it.

That seemed to take him aback.

"Y-Yeahâ€¦" He murmured, now not angry anymore.

"However, I can tell you that in our time, you guys never received a

request to come to this town, so that's already changed. That being said, I'd like to ask for your help. The request you received is a trap, as you must know by now. I can make a formal one in its place."

"Nash, what are you doing? We don't need their help, you said that yourself." Maine commented, surprised that her friend would ask for help.

"Indeed, but I'd like it anyway." Nashi said. "In return, we'll help you handle the hard stuff that we know is coming for you. We can even try and make it less painful than it's supposed to be." She gave them a cold smile, and Maine, watching her, smiled sweetly, which Wendy noticed. "So, what do you say?"

"Nope." Natsu answered immediately, surprising the two girls.

"Natsu, maybe we shouldâ€¦" Lucy started.

"We came here to do one job. If it's a trap, we gotta get back and get another job. If you register it, we can do it." He said simply. "Otherwise we'll just call it helping you guys, but not a job." He explained, and Lucy smiled.

Nashi seemed surprised.

"I'd rather have you making it as a job, it guarantees you'll see it through." She said, but shrugged. "Well, your loss, you had a lot to gain as a reward." She said, looking at Lucy, and Maine raised an eyebrow. "Come on, Maine and I have an anti-demon place." She said, motioning for them to follow her as Bell took her outside flying.

She disappeared in the air and Maine sighed.

"I'll guide you." She assured them, and walked them through the town and near the lake area, taking a different turn and reaching a huge white wooden house in a glade. There were complex spells written all around the trees and grounds. Levy stopped to read them.

"These are anti-demon barrier spells." Maine told Levy while the others entered the house. "Future you taught us." She said, surprising the bluenette. "If it weren't for it, we'd be dead."

"How did you guys come back to the past?" Lucy asked Nashi inside the house, as Levy and Maine entered it. Maine sniffed the air and sighed.

"You burned food again, didn't you?" She complained, and Nashi bit her lip.

"Well, I kinda like burned food more than raw food." She admitted, and Maine rolled her eyes.

"Then get us a cook."

"You two can't cook?" Lucy asked, curious, and both shook their heads negatively â€" Maine seemed fine with it, but Nashi seemed unhappy about admitting that. "I could do it if you want." She offered, and

Maine looked at her with a wide smile.

"Really?" She hesitated and looked at Nashi. "She can, right?" She asked to the uncomfortable pink haired girl.

Nashi nodded, leaving the stuff in the sink and sitting by the table. Lucy proceeded to gathering the food.

"There's frozen meat in the fridge, it's fresh, we took it from a deer earlier today." Nashi spoke, and Lucy giggled before getting it. As the girl cooked, the others looked at the two future girls.

"We came thanks to my magic." Nashi said, showing them a broken blue key. "You guys know how breaking a gold key gives you the key to the Stellar Spirit King right?" She asked and they all nodded. "Well, it's the same with a blue key, breaking it gives you a reward: time travel. The stronger the spirit whose key is broken, the longer in time you can travel. The difference is that gold keys are reborn after a certain amount of time." She looked at Lucy, who turned, surprised and hopeful. "So yes, you can still find and recover Aquarius key." She added, knowing that was the girl's thoughts.

"Really? That's great, isn't it, Lucy-san?" Wendy celebrated and Lucy nodded, before focusing on the cooking.

"Well, blue keys, on the other side, don't regenerate. If you break them, that's it." Nashi shrugged. "Breaking it means literally killing the stellar spirit, but I'll leave the Blue Key explanation thing for later... Suffice to say that I broke my strongest one, and it brought us twenty years back in time."

They all widened their eyes.

"Twenty years? That's got to be a powerful spirit you had." Charle commented, and Nashi nodded. Maine seemed worried about the subject.

"Well, she also got permission to bring me along, so you should be thankful, otherwise you'd still be rotting in that cell." She said, cheerfully, and Nashi smiled thankfully at her. "You'd probably die of old age soon, but the others would spend a long time there." She said, looking at Laxus as she said the old age part, and Wendy and the others laughed.

"This bratâ€¦" Laxus complained, utterly annoyed.

"So what do you want us to do, Nashi-san?" Wendy asked, before Laxus could lose it.

"In our time, the world has been taken over by demons." Nashi told them, grabbing a pen and drawing in the air. It was like Reedus's. "The world was divided in factions: Demons, Mages and Dragon Slayers." She drew three circles. "In the Mage faction, we have the guild mages, though only a few are left, and are mostly of the support type. Enchanters, defensive type mages, those were the majority, and they helped a lot. There was also a new faction born, the Time Masters. They take care of time anomalies, since apparently people have been messing around with eclipse, time magic, and in my case, time travel. One of the Time Masters, Ivy, strictly forbid us

of coming back, and when we did, she cast a curse upon us: we can only return to our time afterâ€¦ After something." She stopped, before returning to her story. "She also forbid us of telling you anything unless you bumped into us, which is what happened. They can't really use time magic, but they study it and keep time in check." She shrugged.

"I don't get it." Natsu complained, and Lucy hit him to be quiet. She was serving lunch as Nashi spoke.

"Finally, we have Demons and Dragon Slayers." She moved to the two lower circles.

"I thought we only had seven dragon slayers left." Lucy commented.

"You do, but in the future, around ten others appear, that we know of." She pointed at herself and Maine. "They're all Second Generation Dragon Slayers, the lachryma-type ones, but at that point, the generation doesn't matter as long as they can slay dragons." She was deadly serious now. "Of course, we also had Acnologia for most of the twenty years."

"Acnologia survives for another twenty years?!" Natsu didn't seem happy about that part, but Nashi just nodded.

"I can't tell you much about what happens to him, as it interferes directly here, but he's been weakened in this time." She informed them, watching her words. "Anyway, the Demon faction is divided in Demon Summoners, Demon Enhancers, Demon Riders and Demon Makers. Makers are the people who create the demon essence, later used by Summoners to Summon those demons at will. I believe there are only two or three Demon Makers, and there used to be thousands of Summoners. Now, when we came back, there were only Enhancers and Riders. Enhancers can strengthen the demons with support magic, quite like Wendy's." She looked at the Sky Dragon Slayer. "Riders can control and, as the word says, ride them." She added. "There was an incredible amount of demons being created and summoned before all the Summoners were finally killed. Not only that, but demon Makers became better with time: They started with these small creatures you guys saw today, and moved to bigger monsters. By the time we killed the Summoners, they had managed to create a race of Demon Dragons." She startled them. "Aided by Acnologia, who gave them something that allowed the D-Dragons to have a personality each. They're exactly like the dragons from 400 years ago, but harder to kill, stronger, and scarier." She sighed. "That's why Dragon Slayers are a required faction."

"Demon Dragons?" Wendy covered her mouth. "No way!"

"We're here because we want to eradicate it. If we can find the Demon Makers, we can end them and change our time." Maine spoke, her voice now less cheery. "But we can't find them, and no Demon Summoner ever tells us anything. They're organized into so many branches that it seems impossible to find anything out."

"We're both skillful demon hunters. However, we've been fighting for as long as we can remember, and as smart as we can be, we're not researchers. I can track demons easily, and even humans when I know exactly who I'm looking for... But finding out who someone is without

any clues like this..." She bit down her lip and Lucy noticed a pointy canine. She frowned, unsure. "She hesitated. "We could use help."

"Sure, we'll do our best." Lucy guaranteed. "Lunch's ready." She added, and they all served up and stopped to eat. Maine seemed specially satisfied with the food, which was obvious judging by her smile. Nashi's face remained the same, but Lucy saw her soften up a little when she started eating.

"So how are we doing this?" Lucy asked, sitting down. "What do you know about the demons, Nashi-chan?" She looked at the pink haired girl.

"Not much." She shrugged. "They came out of nowhere, and massively, in our time." She looked at Maine, who nodded.

"My brother said that one day, demons just appeared at the guild, and everyone tried fighting them as if they were common enemies, but it turned out they weren't: you can't just knock off demons, and back then everyone was against killing. It took them a few hours to realize demons weren't people and killing was the only way to win. But a few hours fighting to no end mean the difference between surviving and being killedâ€¦ By the time they did start killing, things got too hard. Brother said that the guild decided to run and hide, and they all did just that." Maine explained. "I remember my family arriving home and casting a bunch of protective spells around it." She added, her memories taking her far away. "They all told me everything would be alright and got me to sleep. I woke up in a cave." She looked at Nashi.

"My parents got home hurriedly too, and told me what happened." Nashi spoke. "They said we'd be fine but that things were dangerous. The next morning, they left early for the guild to plan things up, but the second invasion was so huge that I assumed I had to save myself. The spirit whose key I brokeâ€¦" Nashi showed them the blue key. "Was powerful enough to fend off any demons, so I just summoned him and had him take me to Maine's house. I found her and her brother about to be eaten by the demons, and we took them to a cave away from the town, a safe place. I don't know anything after that... When we left, the world was chaotic and scary. We were only nine then... Well, I was seven, Maine was nine. We had no knowledge of danger then."

"Whoa, wait up, you have been dealing with these stuff on your own since seven years old?" Gajeel asked, and now even he was impressed. "How the heck did you survive?"

"Cosmos." Maine said and Nashi showed the broken key. "No demon would approach our cave with him in there. He raised us both, and trained us. Things only got hard when the Demon Dragons came, because then they were at Cosmos' level or higher."

"A single stellar spirit could fend off demons for years?" Lucy was interested.

"Cosmos wasn't a stellar spirit per say. See, blue keys aren't exactly stellar spirits. Yes, they live in the Celestial Spirit World and can be called with a key, but they were once living things that chose to become Celestial Spirits in return for something. In Bell's

case, it was for her wings, because she'd lost them when she was sent to Earthland." Nashi explained, and Bell nodded. Lily's eyes locked on the exceed. "Cosmos" He wanted the war to end, but couldn't do it, so he decided to go to the Celestial World and just live there. That's why blue keys can't regenerate: they bring up living creatures. Also, they consume a lot of magical power to open their gates, but none to keep the spirits here. Right now, Bell being here takes none of my magic." Nashi added.

"Amazing. How many of these keys are there?" Laxus inquired.

"I don't have a clue, but I don't think there are many." She answered. "It's not easy to do the transition into a Stellar Spirit, and it's rare to even find someone who knows about it and wants to do it." She shrugged. "Loke might know." She looked at Lucy. "You have his key, don't you?"

The blonde nodded.

"Loke?" Laxus repeated, and she tensed.

"That's the name she said, are you deaf?" Maine teased, trying to distract him. It didn't work.

"How do you know his name?" Laxus inquired, facing Nashi. "The Celestial Spirit is called Leo. Only Fairy Tail calls him Loke."

Everyone looked at the girl with renewed interest, and she looked at Maine, who shrugged.

"You're the one with the set of rules. I say we just go with the wind." She said carelessly.

"One of us has to follow some rules." Nashi muttered, before lifting her shorts and showing them her inner thigh. At first, Lucy thought she was doing something pervert, and was about to call her on it, worriedly, when she noticed the pink mark on her skin.

Fairy Tail's mark.

"You're from _Fairy Tail_?" Natsu was the one who asked, now excited. "That's so cool! We have crazy strong guys in the future, too!" He celebrated and Nashi looked surprised at his reaction. Maine's eyes were slightly widened before she relaxed and smiled, and showed them the mark on her ribs, lifting her shirt a lot.

"What's with the placings you chose?" Charle muttered under her breath, too low, so Maine didn't hear it. .

"Well, in our time, being two girls from Fairy Tail is way too dangerous. I'd rather not fight guys pointlessly." Nashi answered, and Maine looked puzzled at her, while the dragon slayers and Charle were surprised. "So we chose hidden places." She explained.

"S-Sorry, I didn't mean for you to hear." Charle apologized.

"It's ok. I've got good hearing." Nashi shrugged.

"What was your magic again?" Laxus asked suspiciously, and she looked at him annoyed.

"I'm the Celestial Dragon Slayer, I use Universe Dragon Slaying Magic." She answered, to their further surprise. "Cosmos's, whose Key I had to break to come back here, was a dragon, the one who raised us and taught me dragon slaying magic."

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><p>A.N: So, that's it for this one! If you like it (or even if you don't), please let me know, so I know what to improve on and etc.. :)

5. Chapter 4: Holy Blaze

**a/n: So now they begin to move ^^ hope you like it. **

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><p>The white house looked anything but threateningly to an outsider's point of view. The two children playing outside even gave it a warm impression.<p>

"This is annoying." Laxus complained, looking at the scene. "I don't see anything dangerous there."

"Well, Levy-san seemed sure that something odd was going on." Wendy spoke unsure. "So we just have to wait for the kids to leave, right, Maine-san?" As the bluenette turned to get confirmation, she found an empty spot, and a scream from within the house caught her attention. "No way!" She exclaimed, turning to see a woman running outside from a scary-looking Scythe-holding Maine.

"That brat!" Laxus cursed, hurrying into plain sight. "The hell are you doing?"

"P-Please, save me!" The woman begged Laxus. "My children, they're!"

"Are still running as if nothing was happening." Charle noticed, as she and Wendy approached them. "They're illusions."

"They have no scent." Wendy realized, as the woman steadied herself, adopting a more threatening posture, and launching at Maine, who easily jumped away, laughing.

"Seriously? You think that a weak woman like you can hurt me?" She asked, amused, easily moving away from the woman's reach. She stopped, angry at Maine, and joined both hands.

"**Demon Wave**" She chanted, and a wave of huge demon beasts appeared around them. Laxus moved closer to both Wendy and Maine, his skin suddenly surrounded by lightning.

"It's an illusion." Maine told them, surprising them all. "I'm a Demon Huntress, I can tell when a demon's real." She added to the now scared woman. "Now, why don't we have a seat and talk things out?" She suggested sweetly, but her voice had a tinge of danger that Wendy

hadn't noticed before. The girl walked slowly towards the woman, her eyes focused.

"Talk about what? Just leave my house!" The woman demanded.

"Where can we find the Demon Makers?" Maine asked, jumping back as the woman launched at her. "Stop this! You can't hurt me."

"It doesn't seem like we were needed here." Charle muttered in a bad mood.

"She's fast, isn't she?" Wendy watched impressed, and Laxus nodded.

"Demon Makers?" The woman asked. "Like hell I'm telling you."

"So you do know." Maine smiled, turning her scythe in her hands. They turned into chains and she launched it at the woman, whose legs were wrapped by it, making her fall. ***Holy Blaze**." She muttered, and the chains caught on fire. The woman screamed.

"O-Oiâ€¦| No need to torture her." Laxus complained.

"I'm not, this doesn't burn." She said, and the woman, realizing it, stopped screaming. "Only if she lies." She added. "Or doesn't answer."

"Whatâ€¦|" The woman started to struggle. "I can't use magic."

"Of course not, these chains have special properties." Maine spoke proudly. "And since I don't use magic, they don't interfere with me." She looked side eyed at Laxus, who didn't seem pleased. "Want to question her in your way, first?" She inquired, knowing he wasn't happy about the burning thing.

"Miss... We're from Fairy Tail." Wendy spoke timidly, and Maine stepped back, not releasing the woman, though. "We just want the demon makers because they're going to end the world. You said you have kids." She added, and it seemed to hit a nerve. "I can catch different scents here, a guy and a girl, right?" She asked. "We won't hurt any of you, we just want the..."

The woman started laughing, interrupting Wendy.

"Stupid kids!" She mocked them, looking between Wendy and Maine. "Do you really think you are going to save the world? This world doesn't need saving, it needs to be rebuilt. The Demon Raid is taking care of it, and it won't be long before we rise. My kids will rule over this world, they'll be proud riders. Screw this morality you have." She spit on Wendy's feet, and gasped as Maine yanked the chains harder.

"Screw it, you say?" Maine asked, and her expression changed to a completely different, dangerous one. Suddenly Maine looked a lot like a Demon, and her magic and aura gave off that same feeling. Her eyes were purple and cold.

"What..." Laxus murmured, feeling the change on her.

"My turn now" She said, lightning the chains again. "Now, are you a

Demon Maker?" She asked, and the woman denied it. Maine watched the flames, but they didn't change. "Do you know any Demon Makers?" She added.

"No, I don't!" She screamed halfway through the answer as the flames turned white and burned her. The chains moved up to unburned skin on their own. "Ok! I do! I know a Demon Maker!"

"Who is it?" Maine asked.

"I can't." She whispered, crying as the fire burned her. "Please! I really do have children! Ask me and you'll know I'm telling the truth! If I tell you, they'll kill me and!"

"So what?" Maine spoke, while Wendy and Laxus seemed about to tell her to stop, and she gripped tighter to the chains. "Tell me what you know or I'll be the one killing you."

"Stop that!" Laxus demanded, but was thorough ignored. "We can find out some other way." He added, looking at the woman.

"No! We don't have that much time! You guys must return in three days to meet Mest in your guild, remember?" Maine looked at him. "And Nashi said we'd help out with that, meaning the Demon thing needs to at least start being solved by now. We changed time: they know people are hunting them down, they might speed up the process."

"We can handle it if it happens." Laxus assured her. "Let the woman go!"

"No!" Maine closed her eyes, looking like a totally different person from the cheerful girl they met. She looked evil now. "A name!" She demanded of the woman. "Or I'll kill you and get it from your kids instead." She added, to everyone's horror, and the woman spoke a name.

As the flames stopped burning, Maine released her, saving her chain and turning it back into a Scythe.

"I can't let you live." She added, approaching the wounded woman. Laxus moved then, using his lightning to intercede between Maine and the woman, but to his surprise, she just channeled it, and was about to fire it at the woman.

"No!" Wendy stepped between them. "You can't!"

"Wendy! Move!" Charle shouted as Maine seemed about to attack, and Laxus cursed, moving to get her, but the white haired girl stopped, and the lightning vanished.

"If she lives, she'll tell them we're closing in." She told the two mages. "I told you, being unable to kill is what got Fairy Tail into a dangerous situation to begin with. You can't have this luxury here!" Her voice was loud and somehow urgent. "She didn't give a damn about what happens to the world! Why do you care about what happens to her?"

"Because we won't defeat monsters by being just like them!" Laxus spoke back, his voice angrier than Wendy had ever seen. "You could have hurt Wendy!" He added. "Calm down and stop acting out of

rage."

"IDIOT!" She yelled and he jumped back. She wasn't teasing him this time: she was deadly serious, and extremely angry. "It _already happened_. You all died! You, Lucy, Mirajane, Erza, Gray, Juviaâ€¦ Everyone died, one by one, in front of each other's eyes, and all because you refused to kill!" She told him to his and Wendy's shock. "Lucy was the one who realized it." She added. "She was too late, though, so she cast some crazy magic that killed every single summoner around the world, but it took her life along." Her eyes were darkened. "This stupid morale of yours will be your demise, _again_!" She enhanced the word again.

"Everyone died?" Wendy covered her mouth, her eyes teary. "No way."

"You didn't." Maine told her, to her surprise. "You're actually the reason we're still alive. You healed us a bunch of times, and your magic is awesome. You're not a killer, but you can counter the Enhanced, or at least Enhance us as well to the same level." She explained to a confused Wendy. "I won't kill the goddamn woman if you ask me to, because even if you don't know it, I owe it to you." She added, looking disgusted at a confused woman. "But if I see you again, or any of your associates, I won't hold back. I don't care if it makes me a villain, a monster or a goddamn demon, I will kill all the Demon Makers and all the Demon Summoners." She swore. "I'll slay and slaughter every single one of..."

"Enough." Laxus' voice was different, and Maine stopped automatically. "We got what we needed, we're leaving." He said, and he was final.

Wendy knelt down to heal the woman, looking unsure about her own actions, and they left the place.

"Shouldn't we take her?" Charle asked. "I mean, leaving her is the same as killing her, isn't it? She did give us a name."

"No." Wendy said, and she was serious. "We're not killing her. We don't have to save her, either." She added, looking quickly at the woman, and then at a less angered Maine. "Let's go, l-let's meet the others." She said, moving to walk next to Laxus, feeling suddenly insecure.

Charle looked worried at her friend, and then at Maine, whose rage didn't seem to lessen, but at least the sudden evil aura was gone.

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><p>a.n: So... now you have a different side to Maine, which kinda contrasts even more with Nashi's personality, though it will be more visible later on...

**I'm terrible with author notes, so I'll just be on my way. I plan to post another chapter soon. Please, comments are always welcome ^^
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****a/n:** So, since last chapter was Maine-centered, this one's on Nashi's side of the plan. Hope you like it.**

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><p>"What is it with this place?" Lucy asked, looking around the abandoned town as they walked. The houses were all lacking any painting, gray and abandoned. Most of them had no windows, but square holes as if they hadn't been finished. Some had burnt marks, others even had scratches on the walls. The streets were all tainted with red and black, and there wasn't a single soul around. "It's creepy."<p>

"It's where a group of Summoners is supposed to live, according to Levy at least, it shouldn't be happy." Nashi spoke as if it should have been obvious.

"You don't have to be so annoying about it though." Natsu murmured and Nashi rolled her eyes.

"Sorry, did I hurt your feelings?" She asked in a fake-worried voice. "My mistake, I failed my lifelong mission to always keep you satisfied." She was ironic.

Natsu's hands suddenly were on fire.

"Natsu, she's the teenager, not you." Lucy spoke, giggling.

"She's annoying! Lucy, fight her!" He demanded, and Nashi looked at the two.

"Like hell I'm doing that! Besides, she's a dragon slayer like you, remember?"

"Y-Yeah, she's also a Celestial Spirit Mage!" Natsu countered.

"Not really." Nashi spoke, interrupting them. "I can have contracts, I do have one besides my blue key, but I like physical battles, and I love my magic. Celestial Spirit magic's not really for me, so I am not one. Bell is an exception." She smiled at her exceed, who was back with Happy, talking cheerfully. She was glad for Bell: she had never met any exceeds, and she seemed excited to meet a friendly one.

Besides, Nashi had told her tons of stories about Happy.

"You're smiling, that's rare." Lucy noticed and she turned her face away immediately. "Ahâ€¦ Sorry, didn't mean to make you uncomfortable."

"Well, this shows you're a good person, right? We thought only Maine managed to be happy despite the hard times." Happy spoke, approaching them, and Nashi raised an eyebrow.

"You've got it wrong." She said, and the three looked at her. "Maine's not happy at all." She added. "I am the nice one, you know." She added, looking around, feeling Demon presence. "I didn't send her with Laxus and Wendy for no reason: If she were here, you two would have big problems, and would probably hate us."

"What do you mean? We wouldn't hate you." Happy guaranteed.

"Maine hates Demons and anything related to it. Yes, she's playful and cheery, but these specific things bring a dark side to her, her Cursed Side, you could say. She becomes a person as close to a Demon from Zeref's books as one can get." She hesitated, looking briefly at Natsu. "Bringing her to a city of Demon Summoners would trigger it immediately, and she'd never stop even if you told her to."

"And you sent her with _Wendy_?" Lucy was confused.

"Maine looks up to Wendy." Nashi explained. "The Wendy from our time, I mean. I think she's the only person, besides me, that Main trusts, and the absolutely only one she respects. I'm pretty sure that if this time's Wendy asks her to stop, she will, both out of duty, and because now Wendy's weaker than her. She'll feel an urge to protect her. That, and Laxus won't hesitate to attack her if she loses control, right? You two would." She finished her explanation and Lucy started seeing her under different eyes.

"Say, when we're done here, we're returning to Magnolia right? We'll have a spare day before Mest arrives with whatever it is he's going to tell us." She added, confirming the plan, and Nashi nodded, confused with the change in subject.

"What do you say we go on a quick job?" Natsu suggested, picking up Lucy's idea.

Nashi lifted an eyebrow.

"Why?"

"Well, you're from our guild, right?" He started and she tensed. "Also, jobs can be fun." He smiled in a cheerful way.

"Fun, huh?" She looked lost, grabbing her necklace. "Sorry, but fun's not on my to-do list. While you two rest, I'll keep tracking Demon related people and stuff down, and try to study them as well, since I never got the time between the fights in my own era. Thanks for the offer, though." She didn't sound very thankful. "Besides, I am from Fairy Tail, yes, but I don't like the guild. I hate it."

Natsu's eyes widened in sudden anger, while Lucy was shocked. His words, or hers, however, died as a group of demons came from a bunch of houses.

"I can smell people." Nashi said, and looked at Natsu. "You can too, right?"

He nodded, looking coldly at her now.

"Natsu." Lucy called his name. "Cut it off." She said, and something in her voice made him relax and regain his normal expression and posture. Nashi looked curiously at the two.

"What do we do? Split up?" Natsu asked her as a huge wave of Demons came at them, but they didn't see any human around.

"**Open, Gate of the Archer, Sagittarius! Open, Gate of the Lion, Loke**!" Lucy called, and both spirits appeared in front of her.

"Stardress: Sagittarius." She added, and shot a bunch of Demons down along with Sagittarius himself, and Loke.

Nashi watched for a moment, but Lucy seemed fine enough against the group, so the pink haired relaxed and turned her back on them.

"I'll leave them to you." She said to the Stellar Spirit Mage. "Bell, stay with her just in case, ok?" She asked and the exceed nodded. "Natsu, come on, if we don't get the summoners, these demons will never end." She added, hurrying towards the human scent, and Natsu agreed, leaving Lucy fighting there. Happy stayed behind as well, under Natsu's request.

They ran down the main street until they reached a plaza, and the scent came from a huge building on the north.

"Natsu." Nashi called, before he entered the building. "Don't let Lucy fight a Summoner." She told him, who looked puzzled at the request. "I mean it, just don't."

He nodded after some time, seeing how serious her voice was, and she thanked him before the two of them hurried inside the building.

They stopped at the middle of a staircase that split in two. "Two on the leftâ€|"

"Three on the right." Natsu added. "Your senses surely are amazing. I wasn't that good at your age." He spoke, impressed.

"Well, I did have more time with Cosmos than you had with Igneel." She said, shrugging, and he tensed. She cursed, remembering it was a recent fact in the time she was. "Sorry!" She quickly added, but he took a deep breath and relaxed.

"It's alright." He guaranteed. "Hey, I want something in return for helping you. Two things."

She raised an eyebrow.

"I thought this wasn't a job, so no rewards, right?" She inquired, putting both hands on her waist.

"Wellâ€| Yeah, because I don't want to see you guys as clients." He said annoyed and she waited. "When we go back, after we go through whatever you say we'll go through, you'll go in two guild jobs." He lifted two fingers. "One with Lucy and I, and another with the entire team... Erza, Gray, Lucy, me and Wendy." He explained.

She frowned.

"Why would I do that?"

"Because I don't want you hating Fairy Tail." He was simple. "Fairy Tail's fun and great, and if we're changing your future, this means you'll go back to one with that Fairy Tail, right? You can't return to it while hating the guild." He explained and oddly enough, it made sense.

"And the other thing?" She asked, not answering his first request.

"Fight me." He said, and now she was surprised. "If you survived alone, this means you're strong, right?" He added, and now he seemed excited. "Fight me, let's see who wins."

To that, she gave a confident smile.

"Fine, but don't come crying when you lose." She said, turning to the right staircase. "I'll take three, you take the other two." She said.

"What do we do once we beat them?" Natsu asked. "I don't do killing."

"Neither do I." To that he was surprised. "What? Maine's the one who blamed everything on the fact that people didn't kill. I've killed before, to survive. I don't do it if I have a choice." She shrugged. "Knock them down. Bell can take their magic away."

"That's possible?" He was surprised.

"For her, it is, but she needs to rest in the Celestial world for a day, so we need to defeat them all first." She said, and he nodded. She started going up the staircase when he called her again.

"What now?" She asked, bored.

"Have fun." He said, smiling, and left.

She took a moment before heading her own way, confused by his words. _Have fun_? Did he mean in the future? Maybe when they returned?

She knew he meant for her to have fun now, but that was something she couldn't understand: having fun itself was an odd concept to her, but having fun _in a fight_ was even odder.

Still, she proceeded, going up the staircase, when she caught a different scent from a window, and froze.

"Damn it!" She cursed, turning around hurriedly to return to the plaza where Lucy was, when she found her path blocked by the stair itself: the wood was bending and making a barrier. She turned, finding one of the demon Summoners on the top of the staircase, looking wildly at her. She grabbed her bow, feeling her body tension increase as it did before every battle.

"My my! A small girl. Here I thought I'd have an interesting battle for a change." The man complained. She could hear Natsu fighting the two Summoners.

"Yeah! I'm really sorry for you." She was ironic, but the scent was getting stronger and she needed to leave there. "***Uchuryu no Hoko**". **(Universe Dragon's Roar)**" She attacked straight forwardly, and the man obviously dodged, and sent a huge amount of wood at her, who dodged midair. "***Uchuryu no Kagizume**". **(Universe Dragon's claw)**" She followed, this time hitting him and sending him back. He crashed against the walls and broke through them, falling on the outside of the house. "***Ankoku busshitsu: RaitosupÃ«do (****Dark matter: light speed)**" She called, moving through the window and landing near the guy.

"Oi! Linc, need some help?" A woman called from upstairs, and Nashi looked up. "Seriously, that young girl sent you flying?" She mocked.

"He's getting old, I knew it." Another guy appeared in the window.

Linc stood up and launched at Nashi, manipulating the wood from the nearest houses. She dodged, focusing on her sense of smell, but his scent was vanishing.

Relieved, she focused on the battle.

"Sorry about that. I had something else on my mind." She apologized, moving too fast for him to catch her. She ran and stood at his back, facing him and the windows with the other two. ****"Uchuryu no hoshi no dangan**"**. ****("****Universe dragon's star bullets)****"** She called, and a number of star shaped things appeared around her. She moved her arms forward the same way she did it with the wing attack, and the bullets all moved, aiming for all three Summoners.

She hit the two in the windows, who weren't expecting and weren't fast enough. Linc, however, blocked, and laughed as his friends too fell down.

She smiled, finding an opening, and moved, hitting him with physical force only, in a point between neck and chest that she knew would black him out. She then moved and did the same to the other two.

Easy enough, she thought, tying the three up with her whip and pulling with it towards the plaza, where Lucy was still fighting the Demons, that somehow kept appearing.

She frowned, Natsu was supposed to be handling the other two Summoners, and she couldn't sense any others near.

"Lucy, they won't stop coming!" Loke complained, hitting a bunch while Sagittarius and Lucy herself shot others down.

Nashi studied the scene, and noticed how one specific demon kept his distance, and how the others were always protecting him.

"He's a breeder." She realized, cursing herself for forgetting about those: they had been extinct when she was almost seven. Grabbing her bow, she aimed at it. ****"Uchu doragon no starshot (****Universe dragon's starshot)****"** She murmured, and the arrow glowed the same intensity of Loke's lion brilliance. She shot it, and other five arrows appeared around it, hitting down the demons that tried to block the arrow. The last one hit its target and it blew away.

Lucy and Leo looked surprised at the direction the arrows came, and at her.

"Nashi!" Bell celebrated, flying close to her. "That was fast!"

"Yeah, they were no big deal, but I'd like to get out of here quickly." She spoke, watching Lucy and Sagittarius end the last

demons. "I can sense him, he was close to this place." She explained, and Bell tensed, too.

"You meanâ€¦" Nashi nodded and the exceed seemed nervous. "Come on, let's find Natsu." She urged, and they all followed â€" Loke, Happy and Bell grabbed one Summoner each, sparing her the trouble and they ran towards the house just in time to see Natsu sending the two Summoners miles away â€" in their direction.

Nashi dodged the two and watched them fall down, fainted.

"Was the house this wrecked?" Lucy inquired, and Nashi realized the house was turning to ashes.

"It was intact before." She spoke, before turning to the five Summoners. "Bell, I'll leave them to you."

The exceed nodded and closed her eyes. A bright light took over the five bodies and Bellstar, and they all disappeared.

Lucy blinked, surprised.

"Whatâ€¦ Where did they go?" She asked.

"Celestial Spirit world." Loke answered. "Bellstar can erase their magic there." He added, and Nashi nodded.

"I can explain who I am later." She said, predicting the question. "We need to leave, now." She added, feeling his scent getting stronger again. "Come on." She hurried them and they followed, a little startled by her urge.

They ran down the forest, while Nashi spread both arms and light appeared on her hands.

"**Muon Shinku (soundless vacuum)" **She cast. "**Stardust**"

"What was that for?" Happy asked, flying next to her.

"Both hide our sounds and scents, even from a dragon slayer's nose." She answered. "Lucy, can you still summon spirits?" She asked Lucy, who nodded. "Can Virgo dig us a hole under that bush?" She pointed at a large bush and Lucy summoned Virgo, who proceeded to tunneling. "Come on, I can use magic that will keep him from hearing or scenting us." She explained, jumping into the hole, and Lucy followed with a confused Happy. Natsu was last.

"Who are we running from?" Happy inquired, looking up at her, and she stopped to catch her breath.

"Acnologia." Natsu was the one who answered. He was tense, too. "I can smell him too." He told her. "Come on, we can't fight him like this. Not before Zeref..." He held his bandaged arm and Nashi nodded, while walking down the tunnel Virgo was making. Lucy and Happy walked along, both tense from the revelation that they had been running from the king of dragons.

"Nashi-san, does this mean you've been near Acnologia before?" Loke asked, walking along with Lucy. Nashi had even forgotten about the Stellar Spirit.

"Yeah..." She looked down, grabbing the hem of her shirt. "I've encountered him a few times. I've actually fought with him before." She revealed to their shock. "Don't judge, he's still an enemy, and one I want to kill." She spoke as Natsu turned to face her. "But things are different from when I'm come. You don't get the luxury of picking your allies. You just work with whatever comes your way, or die." She shrugged. "Come on, we gotta meet the others."

Lucy sent Loke back so she could summon Pyxis and have him guide them to the meeting point: the docks, from where they'd set sail back to Hargeon.

Nashi relaxed a bit. After this, they were going to fight Alvarez, and she knew that such war would have a happy ending, so she had nothing to worry about.

Or so she thought...

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